

10/579805

'AP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 18 MAY 2006

03500.120468

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
TAKASHI KENMOKU ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
	:	
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2005/010997)	
	:	
Filed: June 9, 2005)	
	:	
For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)	
HAVING ESTER GROUP,	:	
CARBOXYL GROUP, AND)	
SULFONIC GROUP, AND	:	
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE)	
SAME	:	May 17, 2006

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371, no copies of such documents are enclosed. Copies of the other listed documents are enclosed.

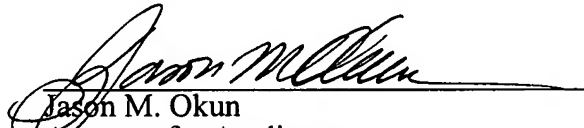
This Information Disclosure Statement is, in part, to make of record documents cited in the International Search Report and the Written Opinion issued in the international application of which the subject application is a national stage. Copies of the Search Report and the Written Opinion are enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


Jason M. Okun
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No.: 48,512

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

10/579805

FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)				ATTY DOCKET NO. 03500.120468		APPLICATION NO. N.Y.A./ Nat'l Stage of PCT/JP2005/010997	
				APPLICANT Takashi Kenmoku et al.		18 MAY 2006 IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO	
				FILING DATE June 9, 2005			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		2004/0081906 A1	04/29/04	Kenmoku et al.	430	108.4	
		2005/0260514 A1	11/24/05	Mihara et al.	430	108.4	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	EP	1 336 635 A1	08/20/03	Europe			
	WO	2004/038512 A1	05/06/04	International			
	WO	2004/044213 A1	05/27/04	International			
	WO	2004/061530 A1	07/22/04	International			
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Sheet 1 of 1